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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Mike Kelley ext. 2

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Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

As a child attending elementary school, I remember carrying home my report card to my parents. On that report card was a section devoted not to grades, but to attendance and a block even included an "E" for effort. It wasn't enough for me to just make a passing grade, but how did I do in comparison to what I could have done?

Whatever work we are engaged in for the Lord, let's ask ourselves, "Are we honestly putting forth our maximum effort, or are we just putting in the minimum effort we 'think' we can get by with in order to be allowed into heaven? Could we have put forth more effort than we actually did?"

The following poem by an unknown author illustrates our effort (or the lack thereof) and the ensuing results:

I think my soul is a tame old duck
Dabbling around in barnyard muck,
Fat and lazy with useless wings.
But sometimes when the north wind sings
And the wild ones hurtle overhead,
It remembers something lost and dead,
And cocks a wary, bewildered eye
And makes a feeble attempt to fly.
It's fairly content with the state it's in,
But it isn't the duck it might have been.

Brethren, as the poem states, are we content with the state we're in? Have we given our best effort in doing the Lord's work (1 Corinthians 15:58)?

We certainly don't want to be found "slumbering and sleeping" on the job when the Lord returns (Matthew 25:1-13). Wouldn't we rather receive an "E" for effort instead?

Mike Riley
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In Christian Love,





The elders will meet with the women of the congregation Sunday afternoon at 4:30pm in the fellowship hall.

There will be a puppet show during evening services on Sunday.

There will be a cleanup day here at the building on September 28th along with the youth to get ready for our 70th anniversary on October 20th. Lunch will be served to all who show up.

There is still time to pick up some postcards that are available for you to take and to invite others to join us on October 20th for our 70th anniversary celebration.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Members: Minnie Powers (St. Thomas West), Marlin Lawson (St. Thomas West ICU, pneumonia), Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Eli Powers, Naomi Bailey, Dave Davidson, Diana Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Kathy Rose, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Dot Davidson, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Marvin Kelley, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Alan Dickens, Jack Wood, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Laura Plunkett, Lena Harrell, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Linda Goad, Ronny Pitman, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis,.

Life Care: Jessie Lee Harris, Martha Harvill, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Jo Hudgins (hospice), Bill Shanes, & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

Meadows at Bellevue: Joyce Johnson

Help for the Homeless Yard Sale

Friday and Saturday
September 27th & 28th, 2019
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
1860 Hwy 100
Centerville, TN 37033

Hot Dog, Chips & Drink
\$5.00



**NOTE: CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
AFTER 1:00 PM, SATURDAY**

We will set up for the yard sale on Thursday the 26th starting at 9:00 am. We could use volunteers to help load up from the storage units to the fellowship hall & help set up.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September 21 – Relay for Life

September 22 – Puppet show during evening service

September 26 – Desserts & Devo, 6:30- 8:30 @ FH

September 28 – Cleaning day at Fairfield...cleaning at the church building & the 3rd -12th grade will be cleaning the Field House at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided, for everyone that is cleaning by the youth group.

September 29 – 5th Sunday with Carter Hoover.



We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Kitty Halfacre**. She was the wife of Tony and the daughter of the late Dr. James Blackwell. Her celebration of life will be held on November 2 from 2 – 4 pm in the fellowship hall.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **Chuck Dauphin** who passed away Wednesday night. His visitation is Saturday from 5 – 8 pm at the Taylor Funeral Home in Dickson. Visitation will continue on Sunday from 1 – 3 pm and a celebration of life begins at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow his Celebration of Life at the Burns church of Christ in Burns, TN.



Center Fielders News

“Why Most Prodigals Never Return”

Probably everyone has wanted to run away at one time or another. There is many and various reasons for that thought. They include problems at home, relationship problems, drug and alcohol problems, authority problems, selfish problems, and the list could go on and on. The prodigal son left his home for the freedom that he imagined was out there somewhere. Before you try to run away from God, take a moment to think about some reasons why most prodigals never return.

- 1) Every step taken away from God on the easy road down, demands the same step to come back. Retracting one’s steps is difficult because sinful habits are hard to break.
- 2) Boundary lines once crossed are easily crossed again. Every violation of conscience makes the next violation easier.
- 3) To leave is to go into a far country of fleshly living. This is far away from the Father’s house of holiness and self-denial.
- 4) After life is wasted and good things are squandered, it is hard to return after spiritual ruin.
- 5) Sin is pleasing, at least at the beginning. Sin is dangerous but sugar-coated. If the devil showed what was concealed, who would touch it?
- 6) Pride is a strong master. The backslider is too proud to return and beg for mercy.
- 7) Sin is insane. It causes the prodigal to lose his or her sense of reason.

Is there a way back? Yes, there is!!!! The Bible says “And when he came to his senses” (Luke 15:17). In the midst of his misery and lost state, the prodigal remembered his father’s house. This is the first step in returning. Remember the Father’s house!!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- September 22** – Elders meet w/ women 4:30p, FH
- September 23** – Homeless meeting in basement.
- September 26** – Golden Agers - Junk Yard Dog
- September 28** – Clean-up day at the church 9 am.
- September 27-28** – 2-day yard sale & cleanup
- September 29** – 5th Sunday w/ Carter Hoover

PICTURES FROM THE COPLEY’S DEVO SATURDAY NIGHT



**MEN TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 22
LORD'S TABLE**

Preside: Gary Bailey
Left: Randal Halbrooks **Right:** Jerrie W. Barber
 Keith Harvill Dalton Barber
 Zack Harvill Wyatt H. Barber
 Jeff Rose Mike Worley
Alternates: Bobby Orton, Dwight England
Basement: Roy McCoy, Gerry Hinson
Sun P.M.: Dustin Bailey, Gary Bailey

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Derek Hutchings
Scripture: James 5:13-16
A.M. Opening Prayer: Jerrie W. Barber
A.M. Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
P.M. Scripture Reading: Josh Copley
Scripture: 1 John 5:10-12
P.M. Opening Prayer: Jeff Rose
P.M. Closing Prayer: Mike Batts
Wed. Opening Prayer: Josh Copley
Wed. Invitation: (Sept 25) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Jeff Stacks
Wednesday P.M. (Sept 25) Darin Cochran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Marvin Truett
Sunday P.M. Marvin Truett
Wednesday P.M. (Sept 25) Jerrie W. Barber

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
Sunday P.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
Wed. P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
 (Sept 25)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 15, 2019
A.M. WORSHIP: 215
CONTRIBUTION: \$4050
2019 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$4167



OCTOBER

- 1 Amber McDonald
- 2 Anthony Canady
- Greg Mobley
- 4 Faye Rochelle
- Cole Irwin
- 5 Tina Johnson
- Wyatt Houston Barber
- 8 Steve Craft
- Robert Wilson
- 10 Patsy Givens
- 11 Cindy Bailey
- 13 Jill Ward
- 15 Sarah Brown
- 16 Dianne Breece
- 17 Annalyn Holt
- Emily Anderson
- 19 Reba England
- 20 O.D. Pratt
- Arielle Wright
- Kenneth Jett
- 24 Diane Coates
- Barbara Beard
- 25 Glenda Coates
- 26 Mary Carolyn McClanahan
- 27 Gary Basford
- 29 Mike Knight
- 30 Sheila Brady
- 31 Edward Sullivan



OCTOBER

- 13 Mike & Jill Ward
- 18 Caleb & Paige Truett
- Shanon & Sydney Irwin
- Hezekiah & Reda Springer
- 21 Ralph & Patsy Givens
- Dave & Dot Davidson
- 26 Charles & Rita Sullivan

RESPONSE

Callie Jude, daughter of **Adam & Sarah Jude**, was baptized into Christ this past week in Defeated Creek on their farm.